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SUBJECT: APPARENT SHIFT OF POSITION IN ALGERIAN PRESSURE ON
USG SAHARAN POLICY (PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 6, INFRA)

1. ON JULY 26 ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR (TO US) MAOUI CALLED ON ME AT EMBASSY TO PAY HIS RESPECTS.
2. MAOUI RETURNED TO COLLECT FAMILY AND DEPOSIT THEM ON HOLIDAY IN SWISS ALPS WHILE HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON TO SUPERVISE REFURBISHING OF RESIDENCE.
3. HE REQUESTED STATUS REPORT ON VARIOUS LNG APPLICATIONS BEFORE FPC. I TOLD HIM BEST SOURCE FOR LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WAS ALGERIAN DESK OFFICER IN DEPARTMENT AND PROMISED TO ALERT THE LATTER THAT MAOUI WOULD BE CONTACTING HIM UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON AUGUST 2.
4. MAOUI WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO SAY HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO ADVISE ME THAT THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES THE USG WILL MAINTAIN ITS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY ON
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WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE. I ASSURED HIM THAT IT WAS INTENTION OF USG TO DO SO, AS I HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED TO BOUMEDIENE AND BOUTEFLIKA.

5. MAOUI MENTIONED, IN PASSING, THAT IMPOSING VILLA BEING BUILT ACROSS STREET FROM OUR EMBASSY IS GOVERNMENT OWNED AND NOT HIS PRIVATE PROPERTY. HE PRESUMES THAT

HIS SUCCESSOR AS MINISTER OF TOURISM WILL EVENTUALLY
OCCUPY IT.

6. COMMENT: MAOUT'S POSITION IN PARAGRAPH FOUR ABOVE
DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM REQUEST FOR "SECRET DIPLOMACY"
(SEE ALGIERS 1751) MADE BY FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA IN HIS
MEETING WITH ME ON JULY 12. THIS SHIFT IN POSITION BY
ALGERIANS WAS ECHOED AGAIN TO ME IN MY COURTESY CALLS ON
PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (BITAT) ON JULY 30 AND ON
VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (CHIBANE) ON AUGUST 2.
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